

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/16¹SECURITY OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE IN AUTOMATED
DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS AND NETWORKS

(Effective 6 June 1978)

Pursuant to Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, Executive Order 12036, and National Security Council Intelligence Directives, and in order to ensure uniform protection of classified foreign intelligence, and foreign counterintelligence² involving sensitive intelligence sources and methods, processed and/or stored in Automated Data Processing (ADP) systems and networks, minimum security requirements are hereby established.

The diversity and complexity of such computer systems now in place in the Community and those already designed for future placement may not provide for compliance with the requirements of the directive in their entirety. Recognizing both the validity of the requirements and the difficulty involved in their application to currently installed and already designed ADP systems, the extent to which the exceptions to this Directive are applied to such systems is left to the determination of each National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB) member in view of his ultimate responsibility for the protection of intelligence information.

1. *Applicability*

This Directive shall apply to NFIB member agencies and all other United States Government departments and agencies which process and/or store intelligence information in ADP systems and networks. It shall apply equally when ADP systems and networks are owned and/or operated by the United States Government or by its contractors or consultants.

2. *Responsibilities*

Each NFIB member or his designee is responsible for ensuring compliance by his respective organization and any other organization for which he has security responsibility with the provisions of this Directive and the attached Computer Security Regulation. The NFIB member or his designee may delegate this responsibility as he deems appropriate except only the NFIB member may accredit an ADP system or network for operation in the Compartmented Mode.

3. *Policy*

A formal ADP security program shall be established and maintained to ensure that intelligence information processed and/or stored by ADP systems and networks is

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² Foreign intelligence and foreign counterintelligence are used in this Directive as defined in Section 4, Executive Order 12036, and as classified under the provisions of Executive Order 11652. For the purpose of this Directive, the term "intelligence information" shall include both foreign intelligence and foreign counterintelligence as so defined.

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adequately protected. The minimum security requirements for the allowed modes of operation of ADP systems and networks are contained in the attached Computer Security Regulation. Additional ADP security measures and capabilities may be established if deemed appropriate. ADP systems involving foreign governments shall be addressed on a case-by-case basis by the NFIB members involved.

4. *Exceptions*

a. This Directive shall not apply to the ADP systems or networks that are used exclusively for telecommunications services. Such systems or networks are controlled by pertinent national policies and regulations.

b. The NFIB member or his designee may temporarily exempt specific ADP systems under his jurisdiction from complete compliance with this Directive and attached Regulation when such compliance would significantly impair the execution of his mission. Chapter III of the attached Regulation governs when the ADP system being exempted is part of an ADP network as defined therein. An exemption shall be granted only when the NFIB member or his designee is confident that the other security measures in effect will adequately protect the intelligence information being processed. The NFIB member or his designee granting an exception shall strive for the earliest feasible attainment of complete compliance. No exception shall be granted which would allow personnel with less than a TOP SECRET clearance based on a background investigation to access an ADP system or network which contains Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI).³

c. Nothing in this Directive or the Computer Security Regulation shall supersede or augment the requirements on the control, use, and dissemination of Restricted Data, Formerly Restricted Data, or Communications Security (COMSEC) related material as established by or under existing statutes, directives, or Presidential policy.

³ The term "Sensitive Compartmented Information" as used in this Directive is intended to include all information and materials bearing special Community controls indicating restricted handling within present and future Community intelligence collection programs and their end products for which Community systems of compartmentation have been or will be formally established.

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Attachment:
Computer Security Regulation